

Exhibit 15

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

3 WAYNE BERRY,

4 Plaintiff,

5 v.

07 Civ. 7634 (WHP)

6 DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY
7 AMERICAS, et al.,

8 Defendants.

Conference

9
10 New York, N.Y.
11 April 4, 2008
12 11:30 a.m.

13 Before:

14 HON. WILLIAM H. PAULEY III

15 District Judge

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1 MS. BRADY: Good morning, your Honor. I won't go
2 through everything that we have in our papers. I will just hit
3 the highlights.

4 Essentially, we produced evidence from basically --

5 THE COURT: You don't even have to hit the highlights.
6 You could tell me something that's not in the papers. That
7 would be helpful.

8 MS. BRADY: There is not a whole lot that's not in the
9 papers. We don't think he has established any of his claim.
10 He has produced no evidence that even suggests that any of this
11 happened. Essentially, he takes one innocuous document or
12 statement and spins it into some theory which has no support.
13 I could walk through examples of that. He hasn't proved an
14 abuse of process claim.

15 THE COURT: Why shouldn't he be allowed to conduct
16 further discovery on the summary judgment motion?

17 MS. BRADY: He has asked for two points of discovery.
18 He has had asked for bank records from his former counsel's law
19 firm. That first point would go to his tort claims relating to
20 that law firm. He has also asked for discovery of a detective
21 who was purportedly involved in abuse of process.

22 Both of those claims fail as a matter of law in the
23 first instance. The abuse of process claim, if he is correct
24 that the other complaint was dismissed then you simply can't
25 have an abuse of process. And if the complaint was not

1 dismissed, just the mere service of a complaint isn't abuse of
2 process. So as a matter of law the claim fails. Discovery
3 can't remedy that.

4 The same thing on the breach of fiduciary duty claims
5 or the breach of contract claims. It's not a violation of
6 fiduciary duty to sell an interest in a contingent fee
7 agreement or to sell a charging lien, which is what the firm
8 would have had they effected the lien. In any event, this
9 discovery is entirely unnecessary given that PCTF and Mr. Kors
10 can prevail on the law.

11 Moreover, given what he is looking for, it doesn't
12 seem that this is reasonably expected to come to any evidence
13 that would be relevant or that would prove any material issue
14 of fact. I think Rule 56 requires that you need to reasonably
15 expect that the discovery will allow him to present the court
16 with a disputed issue of fact, but it's not meant to conduct a
17 fishing expedition.

18 Frankly, there is really no reason for him to go take
19 this discovery, since the claims fail as a matter of law, and
20 all of the evidence that is out there hands-down shows that
21 this didn't happen. The fact that he doesn't believe the
22 testimony isn't enough to give him the right to go take Rule
23 56(f) discovery. On that, we believe that discovery should be
24 denied.

25 THE COURT: Thank you.

1 MR. HOGAN: I don't know what is appropriate, your
2 Honor.

3 THE COURT: I'll give you whatever time you think you
4 need.

5 MR. HOGAN: We'll be responding to this before the
6 Court rules on the actual substantive motions that are pending?

7 THE COURT: That's entirely possible.

8 MR. HOGAN: Would three weeks, 21 days, be permitted?

9 THE COURT: That's fine. Submit an opposition by
10 April 28th and any reply by May 5. If I want to have oral
11 argument on that motion, I will notify the parties. Otherwise,
12 I will take that motion on submission.

13 Thank you for your presentations. As I said, decision
14 reserved.

15 (Adjourned)

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